

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION (2019-2020)

CLASS X (2019-20)

ENGLISH (CODE 0184)

Time Allowed:3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
  - (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
  - (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions
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**Section A – Reading ( 20 marks)**

**Q1.Read the passage given below .**

**[1x8=8]**

**Red Cross: How Hope Evolved**

**On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 270,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing, many of whom were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or simply taking in the horrors of the battle .A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was traveling in Solferino witnessed all this.**

**Jean Henri Dunantwitnessed the atrocities of war as well as the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organized a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or write letters to the families of those who were dying and he urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war.**

**After that moment, he wrote the book, A Memory of Solferino, which urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross.**

**The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to disaster relief and epidemic treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But, donating blood isn't the**

only way you can help out—the Red Cross also encourages donating your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know.  
(<https://www.rd.com/true-stories/red-cross-origin/>)

**1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions-**

**a. How many soldiers fought in the battle of Solferino on June 24?**

- i. 270,000                      ii. 40,000                      iii. 230,000                      iv. 23,000

**b. What is the correct order of the information given below:**

- I. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers.  
II. Emperor Napoleon and Franz Joseph I fought a battle.  
III. The book 'A Memory of Solferino' was written.  
IV. Dunant travelled in Solferino.

- (i) IV, III, II, I    (ii) I, II, III, IV    (iii) II, I, IV, III    (iv) II, IV, I, III

**c. The writer of 'A Memory of Solferino' was:**

- i. Emperor Napoleon III                      ii. Franz Joseph I  
iii. Jean Henri Dunant                      iv. International Red Cross

**d. The modern day Red Cross does not deal with:**

- i. Blood donation    ii. Disaster Relief    iii. Epidemic Treatment    iv. Writing a book

**e. The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is:**

- i. How International Federation of Red Cross Evolved!  
ii. Functions of Red Cross  
iii. The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant  
iv. The Battle of Solferino

**f. The aid provided by Dunant's volunteers during the battle of Solferino was:**

- I. to help bring water and food to the injured  
II. to assist with medical treatment  
III. to write a book  
IV. to give relief in epidemic

- (i) I and III    (ii) III and IV    (iii) I and II    (iv) II and III

**g. You can donate your blood and your \_\_\_\_\_ to Red Cross.**

**h. Jean Henri Dunant participated in the war.    ( True/ False)**

**Q 2. Read the passage carefully-**

### **The Road to Success**

**1. The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success!**

**2. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a**

disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.

3. The key thing to realize is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.

4. "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.

5. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.

6. Success can be measured from two standpoints—the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.**

**[2x4=8]**

- 1) What qualities lead one to the place called success?
- 2) What is the difference between disaster and triumph?
- 3) How can one have a better future?
- 4) Describe two ways to measure success.

**2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following.**

**[1x4=4]**

- (1) The synonym of 'victory' as given in paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) Planning      (ii) Preparation      (iii) Triumph      (iv) Challenges
- (2) The synonym of 'surplus' as given in paragraph 5 is \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) The antonym of 'Defeat' as given in paragraph 6 is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) Recognition      (ii) Achievement      (iii) Completion      (iv) Success
- (4) The antonym of 'deep' as given in Paragraph 3 is \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section B –Writing & Grammar (30 marks)**

**Q 3.** Water scarcity in some of the areas have created a lot of problems.

**Write an article in about 100-120 words on "Conservation of Water: The Need of the Hour".**

**[8 marks]**

**OR**

You went on an excursion with your school to Shimla, Chail, Chandigarh, Amritsar and Wagha Border. It was a very exciting and enriching trip and also very adventurous as you went for trekking and hiking. It was your first trip with your schoolmates. **Write a letter to your friend narrating your experience. You are Geet/Bhavna living at 432, S.D. Puram, Delhi-91.** (120 words)

**Q 4. Write a complete story in about 150-200 words on the basis of the start up lines.** [10 marks]

Rajan was never ordinary, except his circumstances. A student of class IX....

**OR**

**Given below is an outline of a story. Taking help from the outline, develop an interesting story in about 150-200 words.**

Outline: Sachin and Amit arrived at a hill station/decided to explore the place on their own/ visited few tourist places/both returned home disappointed

**Q 5. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheets write the missing word and the word that comes before and the word that comes after it, against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.** [ $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ ]

Advertising is close companion of  
close the market economy. Yet is an unpleasant  
feature modern life. Sometimes strange  
but sensational commercials TV can cost  
one's pocket heavily. Not only do cost  
one's pocket heavily, but cost one's life  
heavily. Not long before, innocent student  
tried imitate the acrobatics of a young  
man in an advertisement lost his precious life.

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(a)	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____
(e)	_____	_____
(f)	_____	_____
(g)	_____	_____
(h)	_____	_____

**Q 6. Look at the words and phrases given below. Re-arrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.** [1x3=3]

**Eg- / virtue / is / god-gifted /selflessness  
Selflessness is god gifted.**

- (a) puts / man / his / a / aside / selflessness /
- (b) thinks / others / for / he /others / and / for / works
- (c) seeks / he / his / of others / happiness / in the happiness

**Q 7. Complete the sentences by choosing the correct answers from the options given below.** [1x2=2]

**(a) Illegal Construction; Pulled Down** In view of its "Clean up" operation a multi-storied building \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.

- (i) was pulled down (ii) pulled down (iii) has been pulled down (iv) will be pulled down

**(b) Ban On Smoking; Public Places** -The government has announced that smoking \_\_\_\_\_ banned with immediate effect at all public places.

- (i) can be (ii) will be (iii) could be (iv) should be

**Q 8. Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph that follows.**

[1x3=3]

“You say”, said the judge, “that the bag you lost contained one lakh rupees.

“Yes, your Honor” replied the miser.

“Since the bag contains one lakh rupees, it cannot be yours”, said the judge.

The judge confirmed from the miser if the bag (a) \_\_\_\_\_ .

The miser replied (b)\_\_\_\_\_ The judge then told him clearly that since the bag contained one lakh rupees (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Section C –Literature (30 marks)**

**Q 9. Read the extracts given below and answer the following.**

[1x4=4]

**(A) But I can get a hair dye  
And set such colour there  
Brown, or black, or carrot  
That young men in despair  
May love me for myself alone  
And not my yellow hair**

**(a) Whom does ‘I’ refer to ?**

- (i) the poet            (ii) a young man            (iii) a young woman            (iv) a child

**(b) Give the antonym of the word ‘despair’?**

- (i) enjoy            (ii) mourn            (iii) regret            (iv) remorse

**(c) Why are young men in despair?**

**(d) Why does the speaker talk about changing the colour of hair?**

**OR**

Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I’ve never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year old schoolgirl. Oh well, it doesn’t matter. I feel like writing, and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

**(a) Writing a diary for Anne Frank was:**

- (i) a really strange experience  
(ii) a really bad experience  
(iii) a really pleasant experience a really unpleasant experience

**(b) Anne has written a diary:**

- (i) never before (ii) much before  
(iii) much earlier (iv) even in the past

**(c) No one will be interested in the musings of\_\_\_\_\_**

(d) Anne wanted to get all kinds of things \_\_\_\_\_ her heart.

**10. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. [2x5=10]**

- (a) Why did Max well keep an otter as a pet?
- (b) What encouraged the policy of apartheid in South Africa?
- (c) Justify the title of the story 'The Hundred Dresses'..
- (c) Why did Rajvir visit Assam?
- (e) On what issues did Lomov and Natalya quarrel? What does their quarrel reveal about them ?
- (f) Describe the Young Seagull's plight till he took the first flight.

**11. Answer any one of the following in about 100-150 words each. [8marks]**

- (a) Why did Bholi at first agree to an unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell us about her?
  
- (b) How can one become a scientist, an economist, a historian .....? Does it simply involve reading many books on the subject? Does it involve observing, thinking and doing experiments?

**12. Answer any one of the following in about 100 -150words each. [8 marks]**

- (a) Life is full of trials and tribulations which can be overcome by a human being through his own efforts. Explain with reference to Kisa Gotami's life.
  
- (b) Ostentation and vanity often land people in trouble. Matilda is an apt example of this. Justify.

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